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An Army of Poultry Will Help Win the War

Uncle Sam Says:

"The Nation's meat supply is short.

"Chickens are the quickest meat crop that can be produced.

"Chickens require no large cash outlay.

"We need an increase of one hundred million pounds of poultry this year.

"Wisconsin's share is three and a half million pounds.

"Will you raise a bigger flock?"

Raise More Chickens — It Pays and It's Patriotic

But the big waste in poultry comes through losses after the chicks are hatched. It is a crime against the Nation's meat supply to let a chick die that has eaten some of the farmer's feed and used up some of his energy. Save your chicks.

Right now before you go home

Buy a can of insect powder—be sure it's fresh — and some vaseline.

Have you any coal tar disinfectant?

And how about a good egg crate so you can market your eggs without waste?

Unless you have a supply of buttermilk or sour milk, stop and get a sack of meat scrap.

Tonight when you get home

Let the boys do your chores while you grease the heads of the baby chicks, and dust the setting hens with that insect powder.

Then tomorrow, clean the coop and paint the roosts with kerosene or coal tar disinfectant. That will kill the mites.

Why not market or eat the poor laying hens and all but a very few roosters?

You can tell your poor layers. They molt in the summer (good ones molt in the fall). They sit on the roost late in the morning and early at night. Feel

Town Folks— Start a Flock!

Keep a dozen hens in the back yard.

Feed them your table scraps, your lawn clippings, and garden waste.

Read all the good advice you can get.

Write to the College of Agriculture, Madison. They will be glad to help you.

their crops at night—good layers are good feeders. Sell all small, long-headed, late-hatched pullets.

Feed some buttermilk, sour milk, or meat scraps.

Give them free range — but fence in the garden.

Feed regularly a variety of good, clean feed.

Keep a dry mash before the hens at all times.

Use 2 pounds of ground feed, 1 pound bran, 1 pound middlings, and one pound of meat scrap if milk is not available.

Provide plenty of house room for the growing chicks. Sell or shut up all roosters after May 15. The rooster makes eggs fertile—fertile eggs spoil.

Have the boys provide a clean, well-littered nest for every five hens.

That will prevent dirty and broken eggs. Have them gather the eggs twice daily, and pack them in that egg crate in a cool, dry cellar or milk room.

Market them at least once a week. Don't let the sun hit them on the way to market.

Of course this means a little extra work, but eggs and poultry are going to be high

"More Food This Year Is Patriotism"

Any questions you care to ask will be answered by

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